

CALIFORNIA ACTIVE

Industries of State Have Taken Renewed Virility.

MANY NEW ELECTRIC LINES

Favorable Weather Indications Point to Banner Fruit Crop This Year—Many Immigrants Coming in From East and Europe.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The field of activity throughout California has been wide, during the month of February, and all industries seem to have taken on greatly increased virility. The California Promotion Committee, in its investigations of conditions in the state has found numerous indications of a general broadening of development. This is especially noticeable in the subdivision of large tracts of land which have heretofore been held in single holdings. These lands, who are the great grants, are in bodies comprising thousands of acres, and their segregation has worked against the upbuilding of the interior.

So great has become the demand for small farms, however, that the owners are now cutting up the large farms, formerly given over to grain raising and grazing, with the result that all over the state there is an influx of homeseekers who are buying small farms of ten, twenty and forty acres.

This increase in development has had the further effect of stimulating railroad building, especially of electric lines, which are now penetrating the mountain country, opening new countries to development and settlement. There has never been a time before in the history of the state when there has been so great activity in railroad circles.

Seasonal rains have been general, and of such quantity as to insure an

abundance of all kinds of crops. This especially true of fruit, and as there has been no adverse circumstances, it is expected that the coming season will note the heaviest fruit crop ever raised in California.

From reports received from all parts of the east, middle west and Europe it is believed that the immigration into California during 1907 will exceed that of any previous year, and that fully two hundred thousand settlers will make their homes in the Golden State during the year. From Europe comes the report that there is greater interest in California this year than ever before, and hundreds of families are forming colonies for the purpose of emigrating to this state.

Construction conditions in San Francisco are most satisfactory in every way, and rehabilitation work is progressing more rapidly than even the most sanguine expectations. Real estate values have been maintained in all parts of the city, and in many localities have increased with active demand. Apartment houses, flats and hotels are being completed in large numbers, and the housing problem is rapidly being solved. Rentals of residence properties is being reduced to normal, and the cost of living is also returning to conditions which obtained previous to the fire. Building activity during the month of February is shown by the building permits issued, which numbered 659, at a total estimated valuation of \$7,233,010. According to the estimates of contractors and architects this amount does not represent the true figures called for by 15 per cent, as there is always a tendency to underestimate the value of a building. Adding, therefore, 15 per cent, of the above amount to the total it would bring the amount called for by the permits to \$8,317,961. Since the fire the total number of permits for building that have been issued is 8,393, with a represented valuation of \$46,854,876. Applying the same rule here it would increase this amount to \$53,883,107.

He had no coat upon his back,
But he had one on his tongue,
And Rocky Mountain Tea, it's said,
Kept him from being hung.
(Bad breath.) Frank Hart.

THE BREEDING PEN

In the making up of the breeding pen there are a number of very important factors to be dealt with if success is to be expected, and I will point out a few of the more important ones to be dealt with, says Rev. C. E. Petersen in American Poultry Advocate.

No birds should be used which are not sexually mature, healthy and in full vigor, as only from healthy and mature stock can a healthy progeny be expected.

If immature birds are used the progeny will suffer, which is proved yearly by the markedly higher death rate among the chicks hatched from such immature stock birds.

Stock of advanced age should not be used either, as, for reasons that are obvious to the observer, no good results can be expected.

There is no need for me to explain that the chicks are in everything essential the creatures of their parents and of their ancestors; that it is on the whole predestined by the nature of the germ from the combination of which the chicks emanate what they are to be.

This is good and sufficient reason why the utmost care should be used in the selection of breeding stock and information as far as is possible obtainable as to the ancestry of the birds to be used in the breeding yard, for by no means everything that is given us is good. The parental germs themselves may, to begin with, be possessed of inherited deficiencies, or they may have suffered by injuries which affected the parental body, or they may have been imperfect because of the immature or advanced age of the parents.

All kinds of malformations are hereditary and should under no circumstances be permitted in the breeding pen, however slight, as the tendency in every instance is to exaggerate these deformities.

I said all kinds, whether inherited or acquired, as the last kind will in time become hereditary, and even if in other respects the bird should be desirable leave it out of all consideration for breeding purposes, as the result in a very few generations will prove disastrous.

Equally unsuitable for procreation are specimens whose physical development is not complete or whose sexual character is imperfectly marked.

Remember that potency is just as much hereditary as any other faculty and is indeed of the greatest importance, as this particular faculty is the rejuvenator of our strain.

And wherever a bird proves himself strong in this particular and gives evidence of continued strong potency for several generations such a bird should be treasured and his strong potentiality bred into the strain.

"Stuffy" Houses Cause Catarrh.

A writer in American Poultry Advocate, in answering the inquiry of a correspondent whose flock is suffering from acute catarrh, very sapiently observes: Unless you handle the affected birds carefully acute catarrh will run into the roup stage. I have met many cases of this character caused by too little ventilation at night. Close, hot, stuffy houses and coops are behind many of these cases. The gospel of fresh air is doing much to prevent catarrh diseases in our birds. Increase the amount of air supplied your birds. Do this by removing windows—making openings if needed—and cover with wire netting to keep out vermin. Get the chicks into large coops with wire front. Let all birds out of the houses in the early morning so that they may pass more time in the pure outdoor air. Add one-hundredth of a grain of arsenic of antimony to the day's drinking water of every five birds and then add just a film of kerosene oil to each vessel. This is medicine enough.

How to Confine Leghorns.

The usual method of keeping Leghorns is to confine them in yards having fences about six feet high and with reasonable yard room they will rarely fly over, especially if there is no post top above the wire for the birds to alight upon. Fowls almost never fly directly over a fence, but fly up on to the top of it and then fly down. Taking advantage of this habit, it is easy to stretch a couple of strands of wire above the fence posts with slim stakes to support them. When a bird flies up to light on the post top the wire prevents, and the attempt is rarely repeated.

Caponizing an Old Practice.

R. T. Will, writing to Western Poultry Journal, says: I notice numerous articles in the poultry journals these days explaining what "capons" are and the methods of procedure in the operation of caponizing. That caponizing is not a recent discovery is deduced from the fact that Shakespeare causes Hamlet to mention capons in a conversation with the king, scene 2, act 3, so that "capons" were known in the sixteenth century and perhaps earlier.

The Black Turkey.

The black turkey is a native of America. In plumage color it is a lustrous black throughout. Standard weights: Cock, 27 pounds; cockerel, 18 pounds; hen, 18 pounds; pullet, 12 pounds. Distinguishing weight: Cock, less than 20 pounds; hen, less than 12 pounds.

The Dust Bath For Winter.
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In culling it is well to remember that a few fowls well cared for yield a much larger profit than twice as many that are neglected.

The Young Idea.



"Say, mamma, is sister going to be an Indian?"
"Why do you ask that, dear?"
"Cause she's upstairs paintin' her face."—Browning's Magazine.

Naturally.

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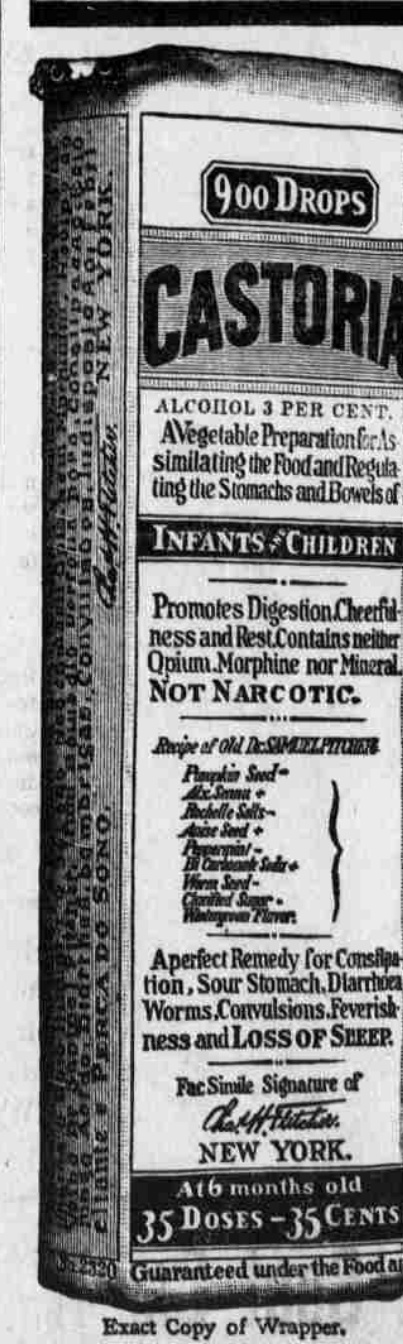
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